

City of Tucson Amendments to the 2012 International Plumbing Code

Chapter 1 Administration. DELETE chapter 1 with the exception of section 107.

Section 305.4.1 Sewer depth. INSERT [number] as “12” in both locations.

Section 312.1 Required tests. REVISE section by DELETING the last two sentences of the first paragraph.

410.3 Substitution. REVISE section by ADDING a second sentence to read: When a single drinking fountain is required, it may be substituted with a point of use water cooler or dispenser.

ADD new section 416.6 to read:

416.6 Automatic faucets. Lavatories installed in all buildings other than R3 occupancies, individual units of R2 occupancies, or International Residential Code structures shall be provided with automatic faucets dispensing a maximum of 0.25 gallon per metering cycle.

ADD new section 424.10 to read:

424.10 Automatic faucets. New or replacement faucets serving lavatories in all buildings other than R3 occupancies, individual units of R2 occupancies, or International Residential Code structures shall be provided with automatic faucets in accordance with 416.6.

Section 504.6 Requirements for discharge piping. REVISE section by DELETING item number 2.

Section 504.7.1 Pan size and drain. REVISE section by ADDING the following to the end of the second sentence:

A drain shall not be required for replacement water heaters in locations where no previously installed drain is available.

Section 604.3 Water distribution system design criteria. REVISE section by DELETING the last sentence and REPLACING it with the following:

The minimum flow rate for fixtures and appliances not listed in Table 604.3 shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. The minimum flow pressure at the fixture or appliance shall be 15 psi or the flow pressure prescribed by the fixture or appliance manufacturer, whichever is greater.

Table 604.3. REVISE table by DELETING the column titled Flow Pressure in its entirety.

Section 608.16.4 Connections to automatic fire sprinkler systems and standpipe systems. REVISE section by DELETING all text therein and in subsection 608.16.4.1 and REPLACING it with the following:

The potable water supply to automatic fire sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be protected against backflow in accordance with ARS § 41-2168.

Section 609.6 Clinical, hydrotherapeutic, and radiological equipment. REVISE section by ADDING a second sentence to read:

If water is used for cooling or heat removal, it shall comply with the International Mechanical Code, amended section 929.

Section 707.1 Prohibited joints. REVISE section by DELETING the period at the end of item 5 and ADDING “, unless the solvent-cement is listed for the purpose.”

Section 715.1 Sewage backflow. REVISE section by DELETING the paragraph and ADDING new text to read:

Where the finish floor elevation is less than 12 inches above the elevation of the next upstream manhole cover in the sewer, a backwater valve shall be installed in the building drain or branch of the building drain serving that floor. Floors discharging from above that reference point shall not discharge through the same back water valve.

Section 903.1 Roof extension. INSERT [number] as six (6).

Section 1002.4 Trap seals. REVISE section by DELETING the second sentence and REPLACING it with: “Where a trap seal is subject to loss by evaporation, a trap seal primer valve or a trap seal protection device shall be installed.”

Section 1003.3 Grease interceptors. DELETE section and Table 1003.3.4.1 and REPLACE with the following:

A Fixtures to be connected to a grease interceptor^{1,2}:

- pre-rinse and or pre-wash sinks;
- two or three compartment sinks;
- meat prep sink;
- wok stoves;
- self cleaning stove ventilation/exhaust hood;
- kitchen floor drains;
- floor sinks;
- mop sinks;
- food prep sinks;
- hand sinks³;
- dishwasher; and
- food waste disposal units⁴.

¹ A valid Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit issued by the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) may eliminate the need to comply with this section.

² Depending on use and context, the requirement for above listed fixtures to drain through an interceptor may be appealed to RWRD.

³ A hand wash sink located in the kitchen area shall either discharge through a grease interceptor or have a sign posted above it stating: "HANDWASH SINK ONLY! NO FOOD PREPARATION OR DISHWASHING ALLOWED."

⁴ Discharges from food waste disposal units must drain through a minimum 3/8 inch screen.

B Hydromechanical grease interceptors^{1,2}

Hydromechanical grease interceptors (HGI), which are generally installed inside, may be used when there are four (4) or fewer fixtures. The minimum size HGI to be installed shall be rated no smaller than 25 gallon per minute with a 50 pound grease capacity. Flow Control devices shall be designed and installed so that the total flow through such devices shall at no time be greater than the rated flow of the HGI.

Exception: dishwasher and food waste disposal units shall not drain through a hydromechanical grease interceptor.

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C Grease interceptor sizing criteria

$$V_{(min)} = F \times R \times S$$

Where:

- $V_{(min)}$ = Minimum Gravity Grease Interceptor Operating Volume, gallons
- F = Flow Rate (maximum), gallons per minute
- R = Retention Time = 30 minutes
- S = Storage Factor = 25%

$$\text{Thus: } V_{(min)} = F \times 30 \times 1.25$$

The flow rate shall be determined based on the total flow rate from all equipment and plumbing fixtures connected to the gravity grease interceptor using one of the following equations:

- Drainage Fixture Units (DFU) **less than or equal to 40**: $F = (0.8 \times \text{DFU})$
- Drainage Fixture Units **greater than 40**: $F = (0.3 \times \text{DFU}) + 20$

Where: DFU = Drainage Fixture Units per Table 709.1

- The minimum retention time of 30 minutes is based on Wastewater Engineering, Treatment, Disposal and Reuse, Third Edition, Metcalf and Eddy, Inc., McGraw-Hill, Inc., page 1028.
- A minimum of **25%** storage is required for floatable fats, oil and grease and settled solids is required for gravity grease interceptors.
- The minimum sized GGI to be installed shall be 300 gallons.

Note: Providing additional interceptor capacity can reduce an interceptor's maintenance frequency. However, solid accumulation and low flows in an interceptor can, over an extended period of time, produce a corrosive environment which can damage the structural integrity of the interceptor. An oversized interceptor may also generate odor problems.

Chapter 13: Gray water recycling systems. DELETE chapter and REPLACE with the following: Regulated under Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 18, Chapter 9.

Appendix B Rates of rainfall for various cities. REVISE appendix by ADDING "Tucson..... 3.0" under "Arizona".